

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 18, 23 and 34 have been canceled; claims 43-50 have been added; and claims 1-2, 6, 11, 12, 14-15, 20, 22, 24-25, 27-30, 32-33, 35, 38 and 42 are currently amended.

Support for new claims 43-50 can be found in the original claims and in the Specification, for instance at page 8.

Claims 1-2, 6, 11, 12, 14-15, 20, 22, 24, 28-30, 32-33, 35, 38 and 42 have been grammatically amended

Claims 24-25 and 27 have been amended to change their dependency to claim 24.

The Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the Interview of April 11, 2007. In the interview, the definiteness of the claims and the enablement of the claims were discussed.

1. The Claim Amendments

Although Applicants do not agree with the indefiniteness and enablement rejections issued by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 24, 2006, Applicants have amended the claims so that the indefiniteness and enablement rejections are overcome. Applicants make the present amendments with full reservation of rights, and no patentable subject matter is disclaimed by the Applicants.

2. Conclusion

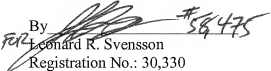
In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. No. 30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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